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SUBJ: PAKISTAN'S M-47/48 TANK MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

1. I SEE FROM AN ODRP MESSAGE (201130Z FEB 74) THAT PAKISTAN IS GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT MODERNIZING ITS TANKS IN SPITE OF THE PAINED COMMENTS WHEN WE FIRST MENTIONED THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF CASH COSTS. ACCORDING TO THE ADRP MESSAGE, THE GOP IS AT LEAST GOING TO HAVE A SURVEY MADE OF ITS OWN FACILITIES FOR DOING THE JOB.

2. MY PROBLEM IS WHETHER AND HOW DO WE TELL THE INDIANS. THEY ARE NO DUMMIES. SOONER RATHER THAN LATER THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS, AND THEY'LL PROBABLY READ FAR MORE INTO IT THAN IS WARRANTED. I THINK WE SHOULD BE READY RIGHT NOW TO COME CLEAN WITH THEM IF THEY ASK US POINT BLANK ABOUT IT. AND IF THEY HAVEN'T ASKED BY THE TIME THE GOP DECIDES TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SURVEY (I.E., AN AMERICAN COMPANY AGREES TO DO THE JOB), WE SHOULD TELL THEM.

3. I WOULD PROPOSE TO PREFACE ANY REMARKS TO THE INDIANS WITH
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THE OBSERVATION THAT WE DON'T INTEND TO REVIEW WITH THE GOI

EVERY MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE WE ISSUE FOR EXPORT TO PAKISTAN ANY MORE THAN WE DO WITH THE GOP EVERY MC LICENCE WE ISSUE FOR EXPORT TO INDIA. HOWEVER, WE HAVE FOUND IN THE OPERATION OF OUR MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY FOR SOUTH ASIA THAT OUR DEFINITIONS DON'T TELL US WHAT TO DO ABOUT REQUESTS TO BUY IMPROVED VERSIONS OF SPARE PARTS FOR LETHAL EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RULE OUT SALE OF SUCH IMPROVED VERSIONS BUT TO CONSIDER EACH APPLICATION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WE EXPECT TO APPROVE SOME WHILE DISAPPROVING OTHERS. WHILE WE CAN'T PROVIDE PRECISE GUIDELINES, OBVIOUSLY WE AREN'T GOING TO APPROVE SPARE PARTS WHICH, FOR EXAMPLE, CONVERT FLINTLOCKS TO RAY GUNS, ANY MORE THAN WE'RE WILLING UNDER OUR PRESENT POLICY TO SELL EQUIPMENT TO MAKE SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY NON-LETHAL INTO SOMETHING LETHAL. THE FIRST APPROVAL WE HAVE MADE IS FOR PAKISTAN TO BUY DIESEL ENGINES (WITHOUT ANY USG CREDITS) FOR ITS M-47-48 TANKS. THIS GENERAL POLICY APPROACH OBVIOUSLY APPLIES TO INDIA AS WELL AS PAKISTAN.

4. I DON'T EXPECT ANY HUZZAHS FROM THE INDIANS BUT I'D RATHER HAVE THEM LEARN ABOUT IT FROM US THAN IN A DISTORTED FORUM FROM THEIR INTELLIGENCE CONTACTS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU AGREE.

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